

VRS has been implemented and 6137 employees have been separated with an expenditure of Rs. 211.25 crore.

National Debate on FDI in Print Media

***336. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate national debate on allowing FDI in print media;
- (b) if so, which is it likely to be initiated; and
- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology has taken up the subject of 'Entry of Foreign Print Media' for examination. The Committee has invited views/suggestions from the public in general and professionals in the field of Print Media.

Urban Schemes under NSDP in Andhra Pradesh

***337. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the urban schemes which have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years with details thereof;
- (b) the facilities being provided to the slums under NSDP; and
- (c) the present success rate of the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As reported by the State Government, 3265 Slum Pockets have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years (*i.e.* from 1997-98 onward).

(b) The following facilities are being provided under NSDP to the Slums in Andhra Pradesh: